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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Sheila B. Quinn, Ed. D.
Deputy Superintendent
Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

DATE: November 24, 2015

RE: ESEA Waiver Amendment – For Public Comment

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is in the process of submitting to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) an amendment to our approved waiver renewal request under Section 1111(b)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The purpose of the amendment is to revise the timeline for the assessment procurement and contract award.

A technical change regarding the name of the agency, from the Budget and Control Board to the recently created State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), has been made throughout the timeline. Additionally, changes have been made based on the actual dates for the activities in the procurement and contract award processes. While the SFAA has received proposals and the proposals have been scored by an evaluation panel, some dates appearing in the timeline remain yet to be determined by the SFAA. This amendment also includes updates for district test coordinators such as the inclusion of their acronym and completion dates.

The USED requires that the SCDE receive comments regarding the proposed ESEA waiver amendment. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Roy Stehle at (803) 734-8118, rstehle@ed.sc.gov. If you wish to comment on the SCDE proposed amendment request, please send your comments by December 4, 2015, via email to the ESEA mailbox at ESEAWaiver@ed.sc.gov.